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Student Leaders Let Down By Budget

MARTIN PROMISES MONEY FOR RESEARCH,
NEGLECTS UNIVERSITIES

BY JASON CHOW

In what was hailed as a "Health and Wealth" budget, the 1999 Federal Budget had little to offer to students, claim student leaders.

SSMU VP External Jeff Feiner believed that although the health lobby was more successful in getting their voice heard, the problem in post-secondary education is even more glaring. "[T]he other great crisis is the lack of post-secondary education funding," said Feiner.

Unfortunately, the effects are felt less in the short term because it is much more difficult to die from a lack of post-secondary education funding."

Feiner added that comparing the amount spent on universities in last year's "Education Budget," the amount spent on health in this year's budget shows the government's lack of concern for education issues, and only adds "insult to injury" to students. The Canadian Federation of Students, a national student lobby group, has also condemned the budget for its inability to help underfunded universities.

"This budget has absolutely nothing in it to reduce student debt," said

Elizabeth Carlyle, national chairperson of the Canadian Federation of

Students. "It does nothing to stem the tide of rising tuition across the country."

The group also condemned Finance Minister Paul Martin's move to cut taxes, as they believed that a tax cut was a lack of concern for the majority of Canadians. Their press release read, "This year's Federal Budget can be summed up in four words: Let them eat cake!"

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-The Canadian Federation of Students

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The government's economic plan didn't impress Hoops Harrison, national director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations either.

He said the country's colleges and universities are also in need of a funding boost.

"There are hundreds of millions of dollars in deferred maintenance alone in universities across this country that are not being met," he said. "The only thing that is going to save our (post-secondary) institu-

tions is a core funding increase."

The federal Liberals also slated a \$50 million in increased funding for research. Over half of the increase will be allocated to the Medical Research Council, although all of the money-granting research programs will see increases.

Feiner approved the increases, but repeated that the real problem lies in the universities.

"The more [money] the better," said Feiner. "We can never have too much research funding. But when we have the basic amenities of post-secondary education crumbling, I think those should be the priorities."

Michael Conlon, CFS National Chairperson of the National Graduate Council criticized the research funding increases because the subsidies would be primarily be used for market-oriented research.

"Unfortunately, Martin still favours 'public-private' research partnerships, despite the private sector's dubious record in matters of the public interest," said Conlon in a press release.

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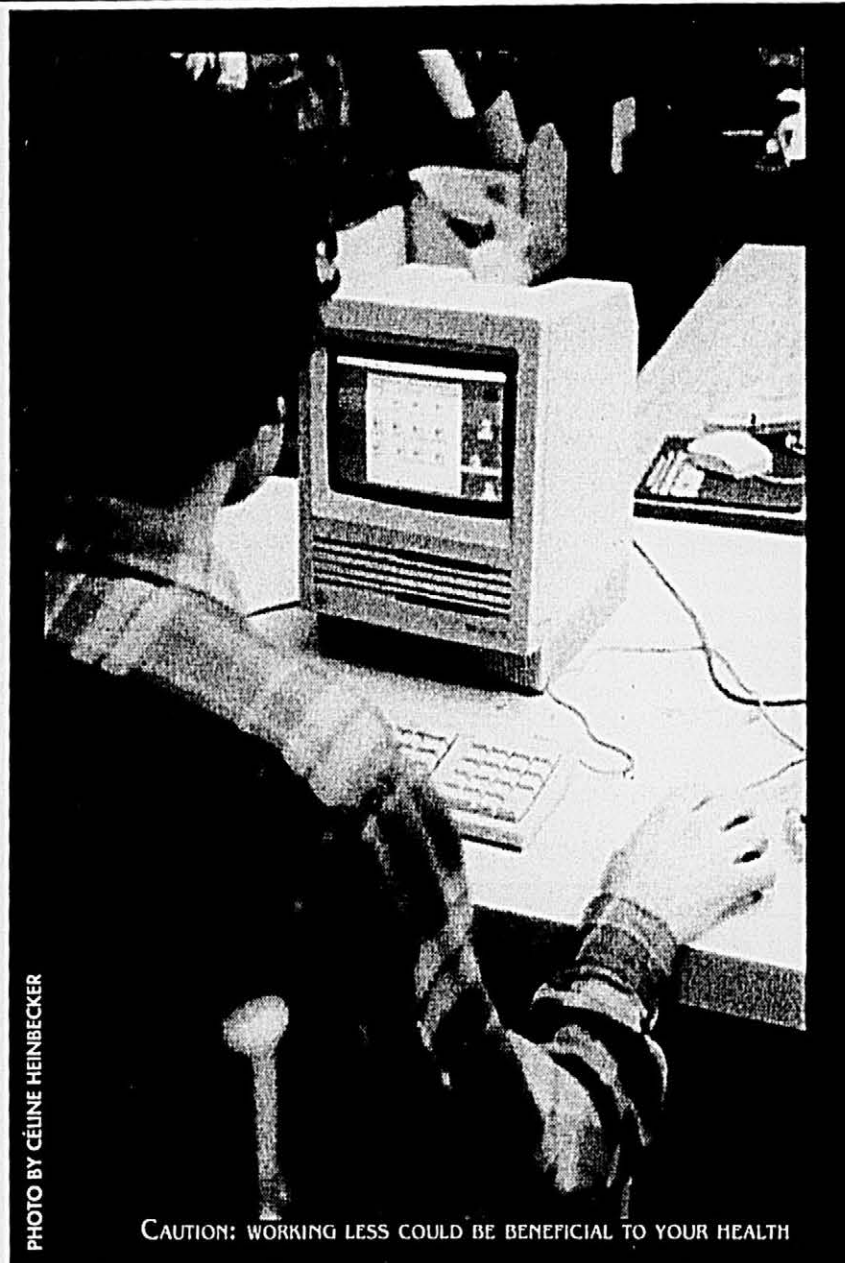


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CAUTION: WORKING LESS COULD BE BENEFICIAL TO YOUR HEALTH

The Joys of Working Less

McGILL PROF PROVES THAT REDUCED WORK LOAD HAS ITS BENEFIT

BY JOHN WACOS

Isn't everybody happier when they work less?

A recent study concluded that people working reduced work loads lead happier lives and are still able to advance their career.

Dr. Mary Dean Lee from McGill's Faculty of Management has led a project in which she studied 87 professionals and managers from the U.S. and Canada who worked less than full-time (for example, 4 instead of 5 days a week) and were paid

less accordingly. A preliminary report titled "Improving New Careers: Accommodation, Elaboration, and Transformation" showed that those who were on a reduced work load continued to perform well and continued to advance their careers.

Most of the workers studied were mothers or had relatively young children. They were, in general, highly educated and experienced workers with high incomes. According to the report,

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- 10:30 - 11:00 Dr. D. Nicholson, Merck Frosst, *Molecular Role of Caspases in Apoptotic Cell Suicide and Human disease pathogenesis*
- 11:00 - 11:30 GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCS FROM OUR DEPARTMENT
- 11:30 - 13:00 POSTERS & Lunch

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- 13:00 - 13:30 Dr. J. J. M. Bergeron, Department of Anatomy & Cell Biology, McGill University. *Ligand induced receptor tyrosine kinase trafficking: mechanisms and consequences*
- 13:30 - 14:00 Dr. A. Eisenberg, Department of Chemistry, McGill University. *Block Copolymer Nanostructures - Drug Delivery Vehicles of the Future*
- 14:00 - 15:30 POSTER SESSION - coffee
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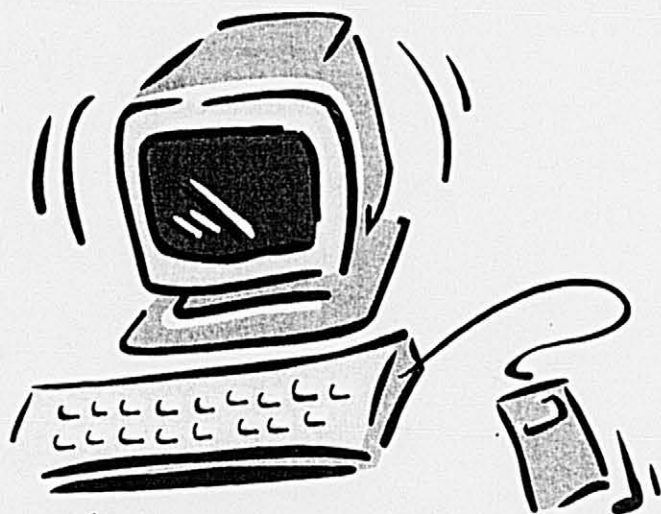
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East Timor's Independence Struggle

As Noam Chomsky noted in 1997, "The phrase 'national interest' is a residual Orwellism that should be removed, in the cause of semantic hygiene."

It's not difficult to ascertain the reasoning behind this sentiment, if one has any knowledge of Chomsky's on-going investigation into the plight of East Timor and its people.

Chomsky goes on to state, "The term [national interest] is conventionally used to designate the special interests of those whose domestic power allows them to craft state policy for their own ends, an insight that we can trace back at least as far as that unregenerate Marxist extremist Adam Smith, who observed that the 'merchants and manufacturers' of England are 'the principal architects' of policy, and use their power to ensure that their own interests are 'most peculiarly attended to', however 'grievous' the impact on others."

No case is a clearer manifestation of the misleading notion of 'national interest' than the 1975 Indonesian annexation of East Timor, and the complicity of the United States, Britain and Australia in this act of pernicious terror and mass murder.

What concerns me here is the recent developments (or perpetuation of the status quo, depending on who you talk to) in the relationship between East Timor and Indonesia. Since the dramatic resignation of dictatorial Indonesian President Suharto in May 1998, and the accession to power of B.J. Habibie, Indonesia's rhetorical stance on East Timor has shifted fundamentally. In a BBC interview, the new Indonesian President, first conveyed his offer of "special autonomous status" for East Timor. On February 10, 1999, famed Timorese separatist leader, Xanana Gusmao, who was captured in 1992, was moved from a jail in Jakarta to house arrest.

Most recently at a United Nations meeting in New York, Habibie's foreign minister, Ali Alatas — incidentally the foreign minister under Suharto — said that Indonesia would decide what to do about East Timor after determining the wishes of the people who live there.

Magically, Alatas failed to explain how he would gauge public sentiments on independence, refusing outright the suggestion of a referendum on the issue. There is rea-

son to believe that despite Habibie's announcements of moderation and reconciliation, most of his cabinet, and most definitely the Indonesian military based in East Timor, are wholeheartedly opposed to any form of independence.

But before analyzing the current intricacies of the situation, it is worthwhile to note how East Timor was annexed by Indonesia, and how the international community sat by and watched it happen.

In so doing, we might be able to deduce a reasonable solution

BY
JEFF
WEBBER

that fits the contemporary context.

The 1975 annexation — which followed months of Indonesian military actions well-known to Australia, the U.S., and Britain — was unanimously condemned by the UN General Assembly.

The U.S., holding veto power in the UN security council, was necessarily a partner in this condemnation on paper. However, its actions were somewhat contrary to its highly moral principles. As Chomsky points out, "my tax dollars were being used to provide 90 percent of Indonesia's arms — restricted to self-defence, according to the law — with new arm shipments designed for counter-insurgency immediately after the invasion and a renewed increase in 1977-78 as atrocities peaked and press coverage reached zero."

Chomsky goes on to point out the blatant hypocrisy in American support for UN policy when he quotes American Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan's — who was UN Ambassador at the time of the invasion in December 1975 — memoirs: "The United States wished things to turn out as they did and worked to bring this about. The Department of State desired that the United Nations prove utterly ineffective in whatever measures it undertook. This task was given to me, and I carried it forward with no inconsiderable success."

Further, Chomsky points to Australia's collusion in the fruition of Indonesia's terror-based reign over Indonesia. In the 1991 treatise *Australia's Foreign Relations* by foreign

minister and legal scholar Gareth Evans, it notes, "Australia has always taken its international responsibilities very seriously... big countries cannot invade small neighbours and get away with it." This quotation referred to Evan's take on Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. Apparently Evan's deep empathy for the little people doesn't apply to the Timorese. The only reference to East Timor in the text, according to Chomsky, is the phrase, "The Indonesian takeover of East Timor in 1975, when the military moved with less than decent haste to take the place of the hastily departed Portuguese colonialists, with five Australian journalists being killed in the process..." The "less than decent haste" is probably more accurately described as one of the most horrific crimes of the modern era both in scale and detail. Chomsky explains the reasoning behind Australia's position in that it was in Australia's supposed "national interest" to strike a lucrative deal with Indonesia, in exploiting East Timor's oil resources.

Bringing this back to the contemporary situation: we are now sitting on an opportunity for East Timor's independence while, at the same time, facing substantial obstacles. Despite Habibie's rhetorical leniency, he does not appear to have the support of his own cabinet, nor the Indonesian military units situated in East Timor. In fact, the mid-February edition of *The Economist* — not a renowned anarchist publication — has documented complaints by government critics, that the Indonesian army has been arming pro-Indonesian militias in East Timor, that have subsequently subjected citizens to violence, and perpetual fear. Foreign minister Alatas, has clearly illustrated his reluctance to really respect Timorese desires regarding independence — not surprising, given his links to Suharto. The point here is that the international community is obliged to step up pressure on the Indonesian government to let the people of East Timor decide their fate. The international community failed to act, in practice, upon Indonesia's annexation. We have another opportunity now, to apply pressure, and if not to reverse, at least to avoid perpetuating the mistakes of the past that led to the gross violations of the Timorese.

Grano ads offensive

As an avid reader and supporter of the McGill Daily, I was nauseated by the Grano advertisements which have been printed in the Daily this past semester boasting the catch phrase "56% of women prefer dessert over sex."

There is something about this phrase that makes me very very sick. First of all, who fucking cares? Is this percentage alarming to the public? Is their something wrong with the fact that a woman may enjoy dessert over sex? We are constantly being given these mixed messages: Be sexy but not slutty, be thin but not twiggy, eat, but not a lot, be submissive, be strong...be be be.....

What does this phrase tell us about The McGill Daily? Clearly, a newspaper which prides itself as a tool for the voices of the unheard, the Daily has stooped to an all-time low when it accepts advertisements such as these.

What does this advertisement say about Grano? The Montréal hipster's sandwich and dessert emporium, wallpapered with flashy Diesel Jeans advertisements and trendy futons and board games, is certainly not as progressive as it would like its McGill patrons to think it is.

And what does this advertisement say about ourselves? We can easily turn our heads at blatant sexism when placed in the pages of everyone's favourite leftist campus newspaper. Don't fool yourselves.

I hope that The McGill Daily recognizes this offensive act and leaves more space for the rest of those unheard voices.

Anonymous

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As it happens, the ad you refer to was spotted by an editor, and subsequently removed in a unanimous vote by the editorial board two and a half weeks ago. We hope you continue to be "an avid reader and supporter" of our paper in the future.



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COMMENT

Why should we care about who runs our cafeterias?

BY LOUIGI
ADDARIO-BERRY

As of this spring, the SSMU con-
tract with the
food services
company Miraval
will expire.

For those of
you who eagerly
tuck into your
plastic-wrapped
egg sandwiches,
Fairlee apple
juice, and not-
quite-stale muf-
fin; or those of
you who just
can't get enough
of the McConnell
Engineering Caf-
eteria's delicious
poutine, there
may be no appar-
ent reason to
change the status
quo.

But there are
issues with

Miraval that would make it a good
idea to push for some changes
during the new contract negotia-
tions, if not to find a new caterer
altogether. Not the least of these
is Miraval's environmental aware-
ness (or lack thereof). Miraval's
current situation is moderately de-
plorable - though, to be fair, no
worse than many coffee chains
and cafés around town. Nonethe-
less, the neglect of others should
not be seen as an excuse for our
own continued disregard.

Several schools in other parts
of Canada, Queen's University
among them, have successfully
switched away from Styrofoam to
proper plates, glasses, and mugs,
away from disposable plastic to
real cutlery, and away from plastic
stir sticks and 10 ml milk contain-
ers to spoons, and milk and cream
in jugs.

At first thought, this might
seem unrealistic. The counter-
argument of theft is often made to
the idea of putting proper kitchen-
ware in cafeterias. The obvious,
and fairly workable solution to this
is to implement a deposit system.
You pay, you get, you give back,
you get back. It means a little more
work, but is by no means unfeasible.

Another issue is Miraval's
co-operation on recycling in their
cafeterias. Though several cafeterias
on campus have recycling stations,
our student body has displayed a
tremendous

apathy with regards to using
them. It is a common sight to see
someone clearing their meal tray
into the garbage, pop can included
when a recycling bin sits not 10 feet
away. Miraval's support could en-
courage students in the right direction.

There is an interesting situa-
tion at hand here. QPIRG, in their
push for a Green McGill, has been
conducting talks with SSMU VP
Finance, Lorenzo Pederzani, regard-
ing possible contract changes, or
the possibility of switching to a new
caterer. These discussions have, however,
been made more difficult by the
fact that Pederzani refuses to give
QPIRG representatives a copy of the
(proposed) new contract, and is
reticent with the details of what
that contract includes.

This reticence is curious: the
reason I say so is the motion passed
by SSMU on February 11, as covered
in the February 15 News Issue. The
motion read: "SSMU council supports
the efforts of the Greening McGill
campaign and urges McGill University
to reassess its policy on environmental
issues."

The motion seemed odd to me
when it was first made. Although
SSMU "supports" QPIRG's efforts,
there is no mention of specific
backing in any way, or even of
co-operation with any projects being
undertaken. So basically, SSMU is

willing to talk the talk, but not
walk the walk.

This is reflected in Pederzani's
attitude toward the position and
recommendations of QPIRG negotia-
tors in this case, which can fairly be
said to be indifferent at best. Sure,
they have him at the table, but what
good is it if he a) refuses to seriously
consider any of their suggestions,
and b) keeps them so poorly in-
formed as to the details of the situa-
tion that whatever recommendations
QPIRG may make are basically
shots in the dark?

Last year, McGill Undergraduates
voted in favour of the creation of an
Organic Food Co-op, which would
have been subsidized by all McGill
students; the motion was overturned,
surprisingly, by the graduate stu-
dents. If, however, the 18% voter
turnout at that vote is viewed as
indicative of student sentiments as
a whole, this would suggest an at
least moderately progressive attitude
among McGill students; one would
hope that this same spirit would
carry over to the sort of reforms
discussed in this article.

One would also hope that SSMU,
whereas it is in the interests of the
student body, and whereas they have
agreed to support Greening McGill's
efforts, would take some of the
recommendations to heart. Let's put
our money where our mouths are.



MIRAVAL FOOD SERVICE: THE PROVIDER FOR ALL CAFETERIAS AT MCGILL

1999 "Health and Wealth" Budget Offers Little to Students

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"We all know the experience of Dr. Olivieri of Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children and the way in which her research — and public health—was compromised by pharmaceutical manufacturer Apotex Inc. Canadians deserve better than this."

Robert Giroux, president of the Association of Universities and Colleges, said the budget

contains good news for post-secondary institutions.

"I can understand the concerns of the students, because they would have liked the government to increase the transfer payments to the provinces for post-secondary education," said Giroux. "Yet from our perspective we see this budget very positively because

it strengthens university research."

But not everyone thinks the new research funds are a reason to smile. Student concerns were expressed by New Democrat MP Libby Davies: "I think they completely by-passed and failed to address the basic issue of accessibility to post-secondary education."

Working Less

Continued from front cover

they mostly preferred to work less because of family reasons and on average, reduced their workload by 18 hours per week from their full-time schedule.

For the few men that were studied, there were various reasons for working a reduced load. While some did it for the family, others wanted to work less to pursue an interest or simply could not handle working five days a week.

"There is a different rationale for men than women," said Lee.

In the past, most have thought that working a reduced load would hinder the chances of advancing from within a company. Lee's study claimed that the contrary was true. According to her, promotions are being granted only at a slightly slower rate.

"These women are getting the promotions," said Lee. "They are moving up the ladder.... Women are asking why organizations are based on the traditional family model [with the man at work and the women at home]."

Employers are also more satisfied at work when working less. According to the report, the more successful employees were "able to control [their] work load and maintain boundaries." They reported an

enhanced sense of "self-worth, general well-being."

Lee said that not only are the employees gaining, but so are the companies. The study showed that most of those working on a reduced load were the "high-performers" to begin with or had skills that were difficult to find in the labour market. Companies would have rather accommodated the demands of the employee than loose the business investment in training and development.

"Firms are not doing this to be altruistic," said Lee. "They benefit just as much."

Although the study examined professionals and managers in both the U.S. and Canada, there were no differences to be observed between the two countries. "We looked at [national comparisons].... But we still have a lot of analysis to do," she said. When Lee was asked whether reduced work loads could aid the unemployment problem, she said she had doubts. She said that her study differed from the case in France where recently the work week was reduced from 40 to 35 hours a week as a measure to deal with high unemployment. "If you have more professionals and managers working less, will this open positions for the unemployed? These are highly

skilled workers to begin with.... There aren't a lot of unemployed people that can do these jobs."

Lee does see a radical transformation in the nature of work and the structure of organizations in the near future. She predicted that workers with skills that are in high demand will be able to choose how and when they want to work. "I think we're going to see more customized workloads," she said. "There will be a lot of fluidity in the way work is structured."

The report also cited that reduced work load could also be viewed as "an attempt to re-define 'full-time,' at least at the professional/managerial level."

While Lee has only come out with a preliminary report, she has already received the attention of many in the media. She has already appeared on Canada AM and several CBC radio shows. As well, she was invited to speak on Good Morning, America.

Lee's research continues with her final analysis set to be published in scholarly journals during the next year. Her research has also earned her a place at a prestigious conference on the nature of work to take place next year in Paris.

"The story has really stuck in the minds of those in the media," said Lee.

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AN INTERVIEW WITH HELEN FOTOPULOS, MILE END COUNCILOR

BY KELLY JACKSON

Although the last municipal election occurred only a few short months ago, the Bourque administration has already been subject to much criticism. The new government, with its huge majority, has been criticized on a variety of issues. From the recent blow-up of the mayor's private remarks on the nature of the Québec's sovereignty movement, to his trip to China promoting the "interests" of Montréal, and further, to the use of exclusionary tactics towards its opposition; the cries of protest never seem to cease. I took the opportunity to speak with op-

position councilor from Mile End, to see if these outcries have been warranted. More importantly though, I wanted to see if I could find out exactly what was happening at City Hall.

Kelly Jackson: As one of the few opposition councilors remaining after last year's election, you've been directly affected by the reduction of the length of question period. Why have you been so consistently vocal about this particular issue?

Helen Fotopulos: It's an outrageous attack on the workings of a

democracy. I've been elected by a population of twenty-five thousand-odd souls to represent them. In a unilateral gesture, taking ad-

you really don't need that much time in council. Our system is so centralized, with the executive committee, that finding out even

hands on the real document which gives a completely different story. This type of disinformation seems to be the

Statement of poll for the offices of councillors (1998)

STATEMENT BY PARTY

	Number of nomination elected	Number of candidates	Number of votes cast
Coalition démocratique de Montréal	21	1	7 608
Équipe Bourque/Vision Montréal	51	39	125 032
Équipe Montréal	51	2	39 747
Nouveau Montréal	51	3	82 087
Parti Montréal 2000	20	0	4 480
Rassemblement des citoyens et citoyennes de Montréal	43	4	40 639
Indépendant	17	2	11 262
Total	254	51	310 855



CITY COUNCILLOR HELEN FOTOPULOS

vantage of their majority in council, they have basically steamrolled the whole process.... What we have is a parliamentary system, you know, and all parties are supposed to take part in whatever changes that are supposed to come around. That's what you have federally and provincially.

The problem is our system is a bit skewed. If you have a balanced system in which your elected people actually know what is going on, if there are standing committees of councils that actually review and have access to information before making decisions, as you have in other cities around the world, then

what's going on in your district takes the patience of a saint and the nose of a detective. It's locked up tighter than Fort Knox.

Just recently, in things that I've been following just in my district - I haven't been able to get the results of land contamination levels on a piece of city property that we have had outright promises and commitments from Bourque to transform into a community garden. Here, I'm not talking about finding out what going's on with the mega-library or the gulf out in the east end or doing one of my opposition queries. I'm talking about my constituents; my responsibility. I can't get a straight answer, and all the civil servants are afraid to talk. There's been like an order from up high to keep all information away from us. And then I find out, even that which was written to me is ultimately false. It's partial, because I got my

new rule of how we run the city. It's worse than ever.

KJ: So, I guess you could call this a "Bourque power trip" Do you have any examples of issues where they have just pushed ahead on things without consulting any opposition members? Or is that just how they are running all aspects of administration?

HF: Well, it boils down to everything. Because, yes in council like all of a sudden, oops, we're doing a whole downtown plan and we are throwing out the previous rules of how you fund, a commercial artery thing. So, that's on a large scale. We're selling off part of the lands of Blue Bonnets and we're putting up a major shopping centre. But then you start looking locally and that really becomes insidious.

The city is for sale. Getting back

at City Hall?

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to my community garden, it's a corner lot in what was once an industrial area which now has gotten condos and moderate priced housing between St. Laurent and St.

losses the amount of money you would put on a jardin communautaire. That's dishonest, but that's what's going on. The Director General - in a report that

exact analysis of what went on. But the fact that there is a picture and a headline, that's what most people go on. Most of the mass media will then pick up on what the paper says, and just read the headline over. So, what stays with the people is the idea that Bourque is being a statesman; he's off in China. They sort of forget that we don't have money to put up stop signs.

The other thing, he can go off

which is building a gulf out in Rivière-de-Prairie, that we are going to be forking over about thirty million dollars for infrastructure and all the rest of that. That's humungous! Once you're over a million or two, most people stop reacting to it. We're putting a million dollars into the old Forum to fund Candu rail doing an amusement centre called "The Legends of the Forum", meanwhile we don't have the money to buy books for

disappeared. The halving of speaking time in council is just one of the symptoms of what he's doing. He basically wants to run the show, you know, and everybody else be damned.

KJ: So, basically city council isn't functioning properly, nothing is being accomplished the way that it should be.

HF: No, city council needs a major reform. It's got to answer the realities of 1999 and the feudal sei-

"The role and place of the executive committee as we know it now, is completely out of touch. You have a parliamentary system without the power of a parliament."

Denis - where there is less manufacturing. Obviously, all the land in that area is polluted. We know that because to do the condos they have to go through the Ministry of the Environment and decontaminate. The thing is you're developing all this area but you need green space and what Mile End is, is short of green space. This is recognized in all official city documents; planning documents and all the rest. But here, the city is so uptight in terms of its budgets and everything else, that they are trying to make a penny anywhere they can. So, they're claiming in the most incredible of fashions that if we do a community garden there, we are going to lose over the next five years a million and fifty-three thousand dollars. Whereas if we sell the land and let condos be built on it, we will be making a profit of nine hundred and five thousand dollars over five years. It's like today, we were making lots of money on it. This land has been standing doing nothing. It's a zoned park and if they want to change all of that, and get rid of it because...and who's telling me this? This is not the Economic Development department or the Immobilier or the Habitation. It's the Parks Department! The Parks Department has actually put in print that the area has lots of parks. That's a blatant lie.

And secondly, you can make calculations to suit whatever whim you have, and then you're going to include in the apparent

I got a copy of and leaked to the press at the beginning of January - says that the Montréal administration is sclerotic and dysfunctional and has no clear vision or mission. That there are fights between departments. That there's no loyalty to the citizen. The Bourque administration has decided to sweep this whole report under the carpet, pretend like it's not there, and go on its merry way with its friends and cohorts.

KJ: Do you think your criticisms (or those of any of your fellow opposition members) have had any effect? Do you think the public is responding to them at all?

HF: I think the public is kind of numbed. This is shortly after the election. Bourque makes lots of headlines, you see, on a very populist sort of level.

KJ: Well, we could all make headlines if we all went to China.

HF: Well yes, except most people don't read the articles during the Christmas holidays on China. What they see is mayor treated as king or something, or mayor gets royal treatment in Shanghai. Guess what? That impresses people. His picture is there in Journal de Montréal and everything else, and the majority of the people are not going to read the article and see that it is fluff. Because the article is very good. It gives you a rather



THEIR LIPS ARE SEALED: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

to China and he can build parks in Shanghai but we can't afford to decontaminate land in our own dis-

our libraries; which is our responsibility. So his priorities are completely askew. and the checks and

gniorial system that has continued up until now because it has only had band-aid type of changes to it. Major reform has not taken place. The role and place of the executive committee as we know it now, is completely out of touch. You have a parliamentary system without the power of a parliament. We are a creation of the provincial government; we are always on bended knee. Yet, the structures that we have polarizes us and keeps us in the dark on things. So obviously, we can led around by the nose by Québec and the more ignorant you are, the easier it is.

Our system is so centralized, with the executive committee, that finding out even what's going on in your district takes the patience of a saint and the nose of a detective. It's locked up tighter than Fort Knox.

tricts. There's a certain hypocrisy. Then, he's got this other project,

balances that are supposed to be in a democratic system have all but

Denis Larouche
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the directors of
QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP - Mc GILL INC.

I have audited the balance sheet of QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP - Mc GILL INC. as at August 31, 1998 and the statement of revenue and expenses, surplus and charges in financial position for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at August 31, 1998 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Denis Larouche
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

November 12, 1998

QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH
GROUP - Mc GILL INC.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND SURPLUS

Year ended August 31

	1998 \$	1997 \$
REVENUE		
Students' fees	117 303	122 533
Grants - Human Resources Development Canada	5 624	4 500
Grants - Young Canada Works	4 582	10 619
Grants - Canadian International Development Agency	66 646	70 000
Other revenues	630	233
	<u>195 565</u>	<u>207 885</u>
EXPENSES		
Depreciation - notes 1 and 3	1 615	2 306
Insurance	1 204	446
Project costs - note 4	119 414	125 506
Electricity	259	2 000
Interest and bank charges	136	348
General office expenses	2 966	3 913
Audit fees	1 777	1 621
Discretionary fund	4 386	4 148
Rent	16 137	15 905
Publicity	3 493	3 310
Retreats and meetings	612	2 061
Salaries and benefits	40 539	42 658
Telephone	2 602	2 043
Miscellaneous	37	355
	<u>195 579</u>	<u>206 744</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>1 006</u>	<u>1 141</u>
SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>19 294</u>	<u>18 153</u>
SURPLUS, END OF YEAR	<u>20 300</u>	<u>19 294</u>

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QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH
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BALANCE SHEET

As at August 31

	1998 \$	1997 \$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	20 774	11 371
Accounts receivable	10 699	12 234
Prepaid expenses and inventory	2 574	1 055
	<u>34 047</u>	<u>24 660</u>
FIXED ASSETS - notes 1 and 3	<u>3 769</u>	<u>5 364</u>
	<u>37 816</u>	<u>30 044</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	16 851	10 198
Due to Mc Gill University	659	552
	<u>17 516</u>	<u>10 750</u>
SURPLUS		
SURPLUS - page 2	<u>20 300</u>	<u>19 294</u>
	<u>37 816</u>	<u>30 044</u>
APPROVED BY THE BOARD		
<i>Denis Larouche</i> Directors		

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OPING AUDITOR'S REPORT

QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH
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CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

Year ended August 31

	1998 \$	1997 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenue over expenses	1 006	1 141
Item not affecting cash		
Depreciation	<u>1 615</u>	<u>2 306</u>
	<u>2 621</u>	<u>3 447</u>
Net changes in non-cash working capital items		
Accounts receivable	1 535	-4 707
Prepaid expenses and inventory	-1 519	546
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	6 653	-3 733
Due to Mc Gill University	103	-657
	<u>6 762</u>	<u>-6 789</u>
	<u>9 403</u>	<u>-5 340</u>
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES		
INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of fixed assets	-	-198
CASH - INCREASE (DECREASE)	<u>9 403</u>	<u>-5 538</u>
CASH - BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	<u>11 371</u>	<u>16 909</u>
CASH - END OF THE YEAR	<u>20 774</u>	<u>11 371</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 1998

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FIXED ASSETS

Depreciation of fixed assets is calculated on the declining balance method as a fixed-pourcentage.

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2. JURISDICTIONAL STATUS AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

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3. FIXED ASSETS

COST

Computer software & equipment 26 341 - 26 341

ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION

Computer software & equipment 20 557 1 615 22 572

NET BOOK VALUE

5 364 3 769

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 1998

4. PROJECT COSTS

	1998 \$	1997 \$
Access	73 191	66 205
School school	12 684	-
Internship program	11 640	4 283
Wave	7 216	5 151
Summer stipends	5 500	9 078
Work study program	2 534	-
Alternative frosh	2 526	-
Earth save	2 378	3 092
Resource center	1 851	1 570
Campus and community waste management	953	538
Criminal justice	1 057	-
Unjuste cafe	673	1 853
Probe	511	9 342
Girl space	378	-
Organic food store	282	-
Q.S.A.	200	-
Alternative budget group	179	-
Core collective	79	-
Perspective	64	4 641
Nyce	23	8 409
Women of colour collective	8	1 366
ASEED	-4 843	-
Prostitution conference	-	7 527
Nigeria action network	-	3 195
Loaf (Food Coop)	-	34
Miscellaneous	-	24
	<u>119 414</u>	<u>125 506</u>

5. AGREEMENT

The Company shall pay an annual rent totalling \$15 350.00 for the first year. Thereafter, the rent shall increase on the basis of the cost of living index as established by Statistics Canada, using each previous year as the base year. The term is five (5) years ending at November 1999.

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American Students Protest Sweatshops

BY CARLA TONELLI

TORONTO (CUP) - While Canadian student protesters continue to focus on tuition fee hikes, student activists south of the boarder have erected placards protesting sweatshop-made garments that are being sold in their schools.

American students have been calling for public disclosure of their universities' dealings with textile manufacturers overseas so they can learn what kind of working conditions are forced upon the people who make clothing stamped with their schools' logos.

The students against sweatshops movement, which includes a University of Toronto chapter, made media headlines last month as students occupied university offices to bring attention to the issue.

Students at Duke and Georgetown universities, and the University of

Wisconsin-Madison, held sit-ins to push for fair working practices at

companies licensed to use school logos on their merchandise.

The sit-in at Duke ended last weekend with an agreement ensuring full disclosure of compa-

nies who produce clothing for the school, including Nike, Reebok and Champion.

The 27 students who occupied Georgetown University president Leo J. O'Donovan's office had their demands met when the administration agreed to disclose all factory locations of foreign textile manufacturers using the school's logo.

"Everyone's quite satisfied with the agreement," said Georgetown spokesman Blake Smith.

Students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison concluded their sit-in last Friday when the school agreed to full public disclosure of the names and locations of companies producing school products.

The school, which is participating in a task force of major universities to develop a code of conduct for manufacturers of university apparel, also agreed to push for wage protections and provisions for women workers, such as equal pay and opportunity, in the code.

"We will partner with other schools to come up with acceptable language (for the code of conduct) to end this reprehensible existence of sweatshops,"

said university spokesman Erik Christianson.

University of Toronto students had sent their support to the Wisconsin-Madison student protesters.

Chris Ramsaroop, president of U of T's student union, said the sit-ins are an example of students uniting to bring about badly needed change in the system.

"Students all over the world, and particularly in North America, are

showing resistance to what their universities' administrations are doing by fulfilling their own business agendas," he said.

"As students' anger and intolerance toward the corporate agenda of

education is growing, so too is the globalization of the student movement."

A group of U of T students launched a similar anti-sweatshop campaign in January to ensure ethical standards are met before companies are granted the right to use U of T's logo, and to pressure the university into passing a code of conduct for its licensees and bulk purchases.



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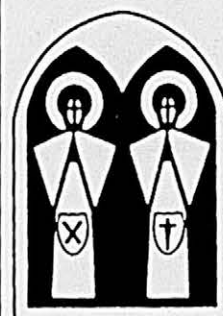
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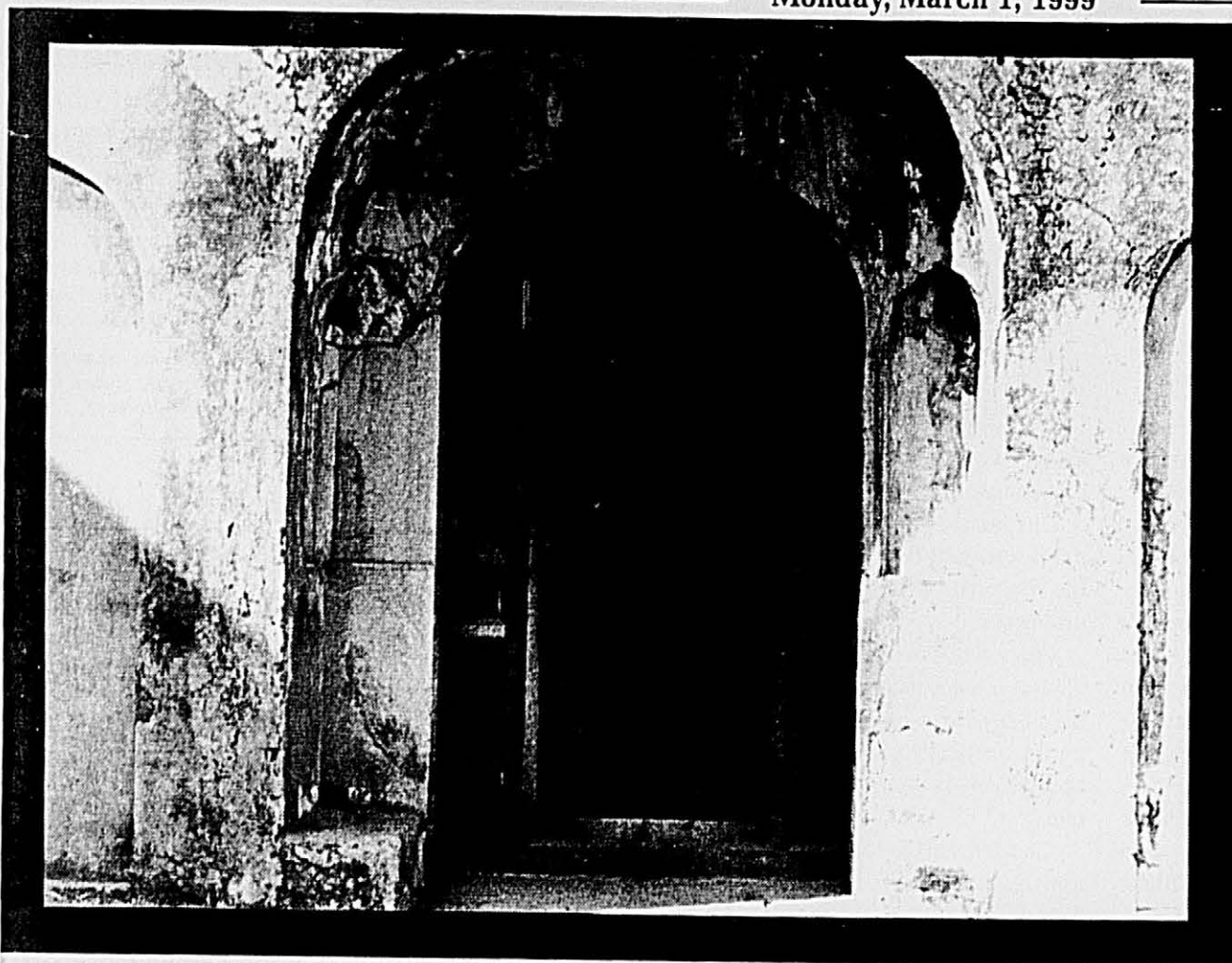
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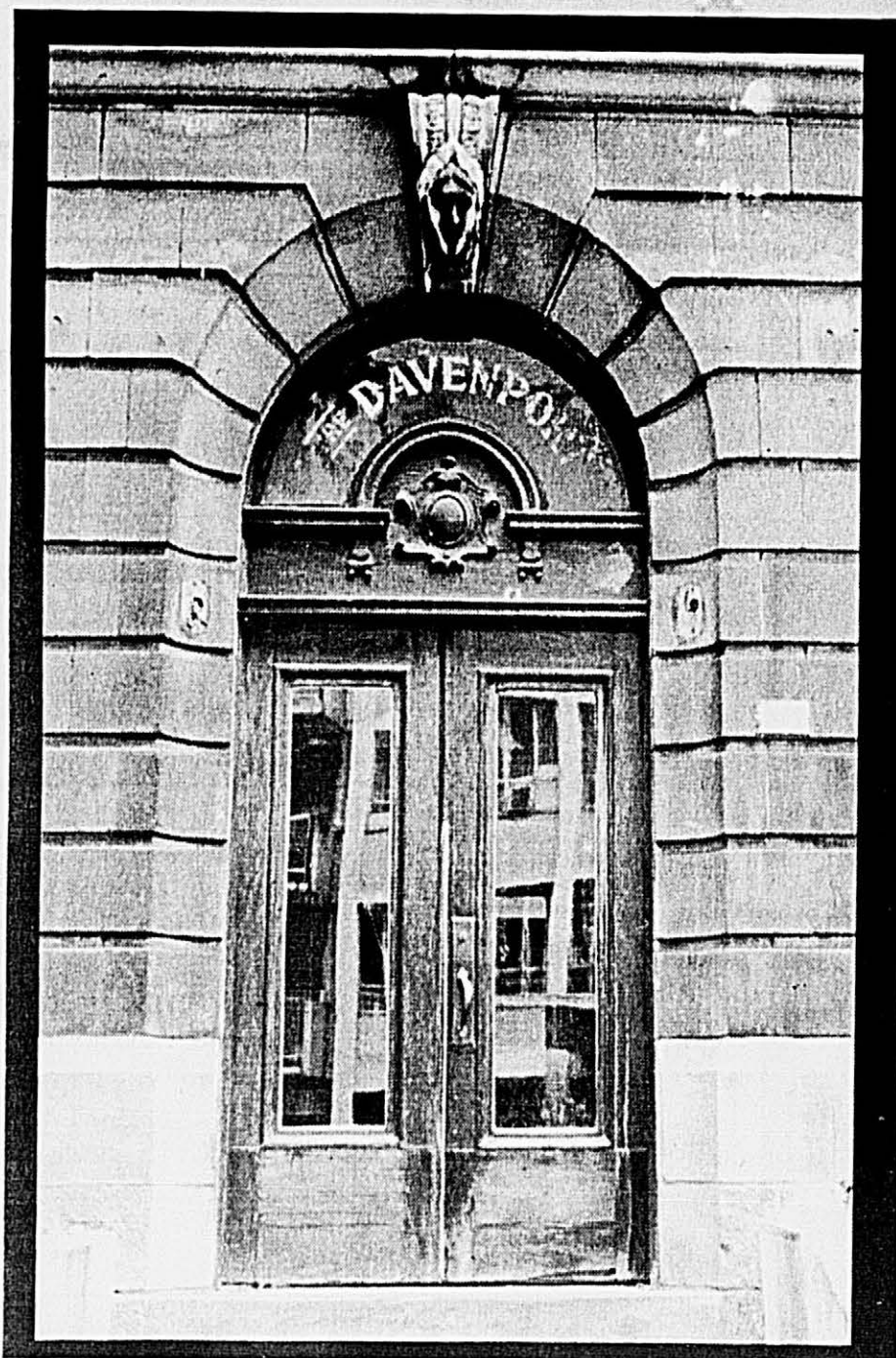
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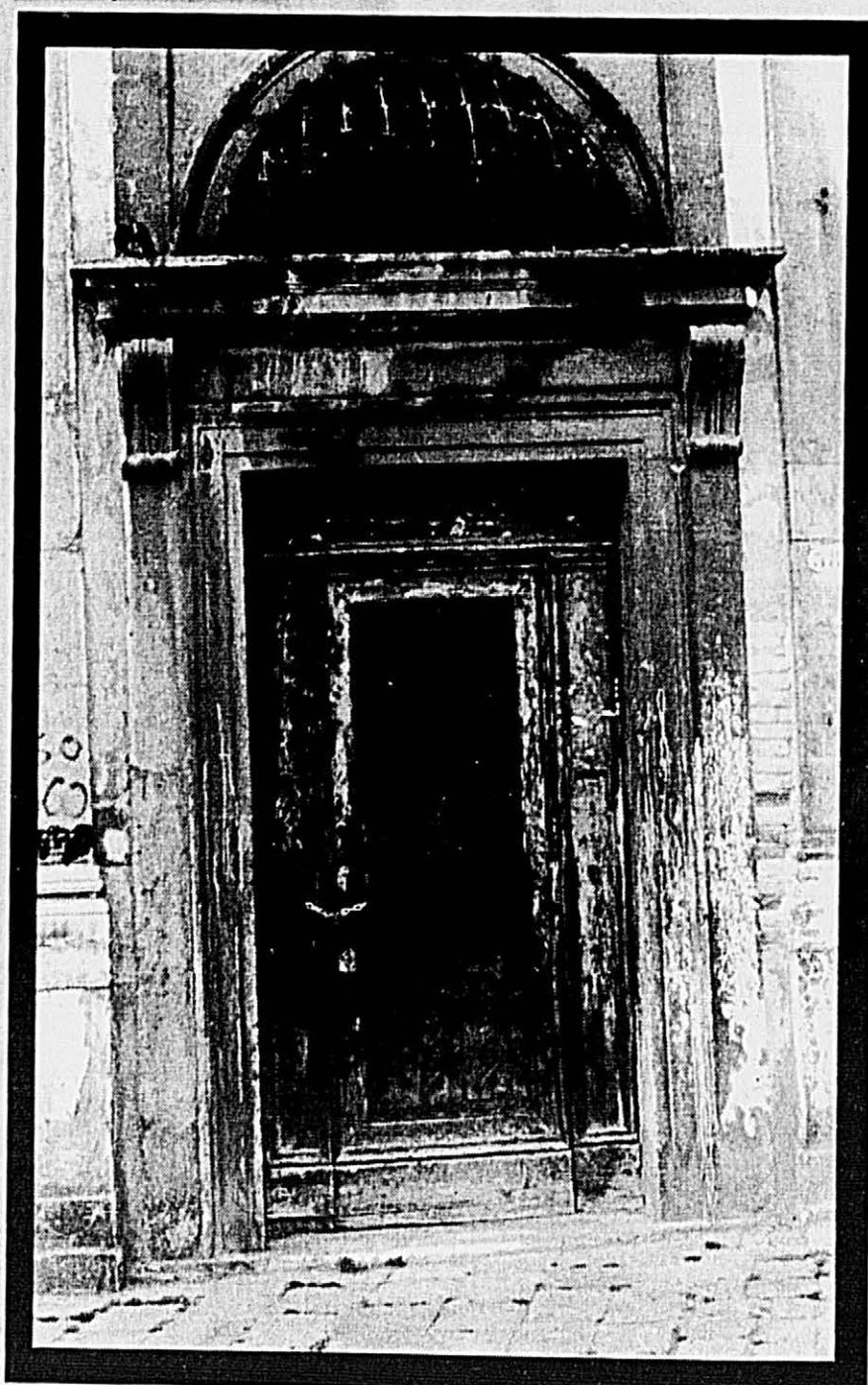
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7 - To Give Away	7 - To Give Away
8 - Wanted To Buy	8 - Wanted To Buy
9 - Rides/Tickets	9 - Rides/Tickets
10 - Lost & Found	10 - Lost & Found
11 - Personal	11 - Personal
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Centered Text ☐ \$4.75

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